#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FT. PIERCE DIVISION



ALISA MARIE LYNCH, and	5.
PETER JAMES LYNCH,	)
Plaintiffs,	) Case No: 2:22-cv-14338-AMC
v.	)
	) COMPLAINT FOR
	) DAMAGES AND
	) DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
TANISHA BAILEY-ROKA, in her	)
official capacity as Virgin Islands	)
Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and in	)
her Individual Capacity, and	)
MICHAEL DAVID HOLZKNECHT,	)
in his former, official capacity as	)
Virgin Islands Special Designated	)
Disciplinary Counsel, and in his	)
Individual Capacity, and	)
LEE JEANNETTE ROHN, and	)
LEE J. ROHN & ASSOCIATES, LLC,	)
Defendants.	) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

### EMERGENCY MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR SERVICE ON DEFENDANT MICHAEL DAVID HOLZKNECHT BY NINETEEN (19) DAYS

COME NOW the Plaintiffs Alisa Marie Lynch, *pro se*, and Peter J. Lynch, *pro se*, and respectfully request that this Honorable Court grant them a nineteen (19) day extension of time in which to serve process on Defendant Michael David Holzknecht (in his individual and former, official capacities), and say:

#### Summary

On December 1, 2022, this Court issued an Order, setting a deadline of December 27, 2022, for Plaintiffs to perfect service or show cause why their Second Amended Verified Complaint should not be dismissed as to Mr. Holzknecht [ECF 18].

At the time it issued the foregoing Order, this Court had not been made aware of the following: false, affirmative representations to the Plaintiffs, by Defendant Michael David

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Holzknecht ("Mr. Holzknecht") and his putative counsel which caused Plaintiffs' diligent efforts to serve Mr. Holzknecht to be interrupted from November 2, 2022, until November 21, 2022, a period of nineteen (19) days.

The Court should consider the foregoing to represent good cause, or circumstances short of good cause, which would permit the Court, in its discretion, to extend the time for service.

#### **Brief Narrative of Salient Events**

As indicated in her Affirmation of Non-Service [ECF 16, pp 10-11], Missouri process server Dena Carver traveled to Hermitage, MO and Pittsburg, MO on September 29-30, 2022 to attempt service on Mr. Holzknecht. On September 30, 2022, Ms. Carver reached Mr. Holzknecht by phone, and offered to deliver the summons and complaint to him, but Mr. Holzknecht refused. [ECF 16, p. 11, ¶ 4][ECF 24, ¶ 5].

Missouri process server Debbie Giberson also reached Mr. Holzknecht by telephone, on November 1, 2022, and offered to deliver to him the Summons and Second Amended Verified Complaint. Mr. Holzknecht informed Ms. Giberson that he was represented by an attorney, and discouraged her from "driv[ing] way out in the middle of nowhere" to his house. **Exhibit A** email and service notes.

Mr. Holzknecht admitted he was aware of the "Second Amended Petition." **Exhibit A** service notes.

On November 2, 2022, in a text message to Ms. Giberson from his telephone, Mr. Holzknecht requested Ms. Giberson's email so he could forward her a copy of the email from his attorney. After Ms. Giberson complied, Mr. Holzknecht emailed her from his customarily used email of holzknecht@windstream.net, which email Ms. Giberson forwarded to Plaintiff Pete

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Lynch. Mr. Holzknecht wrote, in pertinent part, "... the pro se plaintiffs have been instructed

NOT to serve me personally. Rather, my counsel will waive personal service once the pro se

plaintiffs send him the forms. ..." Exhibit A.

Mr. Holzknecht's verbal, text, and emailed representations convinced Ms. Giberson to

cease attempts to serve him.

After business hours on November 1, 2022, Marc Tepper emailed the Plaintiffs, identified

himself as "authorized as counsel for Tanisha Bailey-Roka and Michael Holzknecht to accept

service of the Second Amended Verified Complaint .... Please do not serve Tanisha Bailey-Roka

or Michael Holzknecht personally and email to me the waiver of service forms. I will complete

the waiver of service forms and promptly return them to you by email." Exhibit B.

Plaintiffs relied on the emailed representations of Mr. Holzknecht and his putative counsel

asking Plaintiffs to forego personal service on Mr. Holzknecht, and promising that they would

promptly waiver service in writing. For a nineteen (19) day period of time, from November 2.

2022 until November 21, 2022, Plaintiffs refrained from causing process servers to attempt

personal service on Mr. Holzknecht.

On November 3, 2022, Plaintiffs emailed a waiver of service form to Mr. Holzknecht's

putative counsel. However, rather than "complete the waiver of service forms and promptly return

them ... by email," as they had promised, on November 4, 2022, putative counsel Marc Tepper

and his associate Alexandra Dragovich instead insisted on changes to the language contained in

the waiver form, before they would agree to authorize Plaintiffs to file it.

On November 5, 2022, Plaintiffs accommodated Mr. Holzknecht's putative counsel by

emailing them an amended waiver of service form, containing the requested language changes.

before they would approve of its filing.

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However, rather than "complete the waiver of service forms and promptly return them ... by email," on November 8, 2022, putative counsel Marc Tepper and his associate Alexandra Dragovich instead insisted on additional changes to the language contained in the waiver form

Plaintiffs responded to Mr. Tepper and Ms. Dragovich by email that no further changes to the waiver of service form were necessary or forthcoming, and waited for a response. Plaintiffs did not receive an executed waiver of service approved for their filing.

Recognizing the falsity of the representations of Mr. Holzknecht's and his putative counsel that they would waive service, and the futility of acceding to continuing, unnecessary additional amendments to the waiver of service form, Plaintiffs resumed personal service attempts to serve Mr. Holzknecht on November 21, 2022.

Plaintiffs sent a third process server, Darin McNeely, who resumed attempts to serve on Mr. Holzknecht on November 21, 2022, and made attempts until November 25, 2022, without success. Plaintiffs received only an emailed copy of an Affidavit of Non-Service from Mr. McNeely. **Exhibit C**.

Of note, immediately after the resumption of efforts to serve Mr. Holzknecht, on November 22, 2022, Ms. Dragovich emailed Plaintiff Pete Lynch, reiterating that the waiver of service was "subject to" the inclusion of additional language in the waiver of service form. **Exhibit D**.

As a result of the false representations to Plaintiffs of Mr. Holzknecht and his putative counsel that they would promptly waive service on behalf of Mr. Holzknecht once Plaintiffs provided a waiver of service form, Plaintiffs were deceived into foregoing nineteen (19) days of opportunity to effect service on Mr. Holzknecht, from November 2, 2022 to November 21, 2022.

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Registered mail sent from Plaintiffs on October 24, 2022 to Mr. Holzknecht, with return receipt, containing copies of the summons and pleadings, was returned to Plaintiffs on November 5, 2022, marked "REFUSED," from Mr. Holzknecht's current address at 22336 Hill St., Pittsburg, Missouri, as reflected in online, official records which Mr. Holzknecht himself apparently provided to the Missouri Secretary of State and the Missouri Bar. **Exhibits E, F,** and **G**.

Tellingly, tracked, registered mail sent from Plaintiffs on December 6, 2022, without return receipt, containing the summonses, pleadings, and a waiver of service form, was delivered on December 10, 2022, by the postal service without incident to Mr. Holzknecht's identical 22336 Hill St., Pittsburg, Missouri address.

On December 17, 2022, Mr. Holzknecht's purported counsel Alexandra Dragovich emailed Plaintiffs, maintaining her insistence that alterations to the wording contained in the waiver of service form were required before a waiver of service would be returned. **Exhibit H**.

Brad Votaw, the current Missouri process server hired by Plaintiffs, has verbally reported to Plaintiffs that, at this point, Mr. Hozknecht is not answering his telephone. [ECF 24, ¶ 8].

Additional diligent efforts by Plaintiffs to locate Mr. Holzknecht have revealed that Mr. Hozknecht owns numerous parcels of real estate in Missouri other than his self-reported address to the Missouri Secretary of State and the Missouri Bar. [ECF 24, ¶ 16].

**Analysis** 

"The Eleventh Circuit has noted . . . that good cause exists to extend the time for service "only when some outside factor[,] such as reliance on faulty advice, rather than inadvertence or negligence, prevented service." *Lepone-Dempsey v. Carroll County Comm'Rs*, 476 F.3d 1277, 1281 (citing *Prisco v. Frank*, 929 F.2d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1991)). Even absent a showing of good

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cause, however, the Court still retains the power, in its discretion, to extend the time for service of process. Id. at 1282 (*Horenkamp v. Van Winkle And Co.*, 402 F.3d 1129, 1132-33 (11th Cir. 2005))." "... [W]here the defendant evades service or hides a problem with attempted service, the Advisory Committee Note to Rule 4(m) suggests that an extension might be appropriate. *Lepone-Dempsey* at 1282 (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) advisory committee's note to 1993 amendments)." *Bilal v. GEO Care, LLC*, 981 F.3d 903, 919 (11th Cir. 2020).

Defendant and his purported counsel's affirmative misrepresentations to Plaintiffs were deliberate and not accidental or inadvertent, and constitute the kind of "outside factor[,] such as reliance on faulty advice," which the Eleventh Circuit has found to support a finding of good cause. Based on the totality of circumstances, the Court could conclude that, via an elaborate ruse promising to waive service, but then failing to do so, and by his refusal to accommodate process servers who contacted him and offered to serve him papers, Mr. Holzknecht is evading service. This Court would be justified in concluding that sufficient good cause exists to award Plaintiffs nineteen (19) additional days to perfect service on Mr. Holzknecht.

Even if the Court concludes that the circumstances fall short of good cause, Eleventh Circuit precedent in *Van Winkle*, *supra*, acknowledges this Court's "power, in its discretion, to extend the time for service." In this case, equity demands the extension Plaintiffs request, because Plaintiffs' good faith reliance on the representations of attorneys, including Mr. Holzknecht and his purported counsel, which turned out to be deliberate misrepresentations, caused the nineteen (19) day interruption in time to Plaintiffs' diligent service attempts.

Under the circumstances, it would be unfairly prejudicial for Plaintiffs to be deprived of nineteen (19) days of opportunity to perfect service on him. In the Court's discretion, Plaintiffs

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should receive an extension of time of nineteen (19) days, beyond the initial ninety (90) days limit

set by Fed. R. Civ. 4(m), to perfect service on Mr. Holzknecht by January 15, 2023.

If the current state of affairs is left undisturbed, Mr. Holzknecht will improperly benefit

from his deceit, in the form of false assurances that he was represented by counsel who would

promptly waive service, depriving Plaintiffs of nineteen (19) days of service opportunity. If the

action is dismissed, Plaintiffs will incur additional costs to refile.

As no other Defendant has so much as entered an appearance, no conceivable prejudice

would result if the Plaintiffs' requested extension of time were granted. The Court should consider

Mr. Holzknecht's refusal to make himself available for personal service upon offers to serve

process by multipe servers, his lack of presence at his self-professed address approaching ninety

(90) days, and his recent failure to answer his telephone used until recently for routing

communications, all weigh in favor of a finding that Mr. Holzknecht is hiding, and concealing his

whereabouts, in order to evade personal serevice.

Contemporaneously with the instant motion, Plaintiffs intend to file a Motion to further

Amend their pleadings, in order to add the prerequisite allegation that Mr. Holzknecht is

concealing his whereabouts, in preparation for effectuating substituted service, pursuant to Fla.

Stat. 48.161 and 48.181.

WHEREFORE Plaintiffs Peter James Lynch and Alisa Marie Lynch respectfully request

that this Honorable Court Grant their Motion, and extend the deadline to serve Mr. Holzknecht

until January 15, 2023.

December 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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Alisa M.. Lynch, pro se

Peter J. Lynch, pro

3715 McBroom Street Sebastian, FL 32976 (340) 201-5955 pete@flaglawvi.com alisareich12@gmail.com

# Exhibit A

lo: peterjameslynch@msn.com

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> Holzknecht Service Notes.pdf

Holzknecht Invoice.doc

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Received, thank you. Start reply with:

Thank you. I appreciate it.

Great, thank you so much!

Hello Mr. Lynch,

Attached are my service notes and Invoice in regard to the Holzknecht service. I appreciate you contacting me. Please keep me in mind anything you might need in the future. I will also put it in the mail today.

Thank you,

Polk, Dallas, Hickory Counties Court Process Server State of Missouri Debbie Giberson

#### SERVICE NOTES

CASE NO.: 2:22-cy-14338-AMC

Service To: Michael David Holzknect

Service Request From: Peter Lynch, 3715 McBroom St., Sebastian, FL 32976

10/24/2022: Received voice message at 2:15 p.m. from Mr. Peter Lynch about service on Michael Holzknecht and to please return his call. Returned his call at 3:36 p.m. Mr. Lynch explained that he wanted another service attempt done on Mr. Holzknecht. It was approximately 100 pages so he would mail me the packet. I gave him my address for mailing.

11/1/2022: I called Mr. Lynch at 2:26 p.m. and was leaving a voice message when he was attempting to return my call. I let him know that I did receive the packet. I reminded him that when Dena Carver attempted the prior service that she reported that there is a gate at his drive way so my only attempt in contacting Mr. Holzknecht would be by calling him. Mr. Lynch understood that and also mentioned if I could talk with the neighbor by Mr. Holzknecht's driveway to see if he would know Mr. Holzknecht's comings and goings. I explained that I was not a private investigator and only a process server. I agreed to talk to the neighbor. I placed the documents in a manila envelope, sealed it and wrote Mr. Holzknecht's name and address on the front.

At 2:54 p.m. I then called Mr. Holzknecht. I explained who I was and the situation and also Dena Carver's first contact with him. He said he noticed there was another filing and he was in touch with his attorney and was waiting to hear from him. I said I didn't know any of the particulars but since he was an attorney, I could surely get these papers to him. He said he does have an attorney representing him and would be hearing ack from him on Friday and would I call him back then? He also said he would hate for me to drive way out in the middle of nowhere to his house if I didn't need to. I told him I owned property at the lake at Pittsburg and was over there weekly so it would be no big deal for me to swing by his place. I told him I would call him back on Friday.

Received phone call back from Mr. Holzknecht at 3:02 p.m. He wanted to know if the paperwork I have was a First or Second Amended Petition because it should be a Second. I told him yes, it was a Second Amended Petition. He said ok, he would talk to me on Friday.

11/2/2022: Received a text message at 9:12 a.m. from Mr. Holzknecht that he needed my email address so he could forward me his email from his attorney in reference to this case so I wouldn't have to make a trip to his house. I did receive the email, see attached.

At 1:09 p.m. I called Mr. Lynch to explain the text message and email I had received from Mr. Holzknecht and asked him if he had received the email from Marc Tepper and I read the email to him. Mr. Lynch wasn't sure as he was driving and asked if I would forward the email to him. I did forward the email.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: holzknecht@windstream.net

Date: November 2, 2022 at 9:33:24 AM CDT

To: debbiegibberson@gmail.com

Subject: Fwd: Lynch et al v. Bailey-Roka et al, case number 22-14338

CARC

Here's the email from my attorneys in Philadelphia, forwarded to me by General Counsel to the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, confirming that the pro se plaintiffs have been instructed NOT to serve me personally. Rather, my counsel will waive personal service once the pro se plaintiffs send him the forms.

Debbie, thank you and Dena for your courtesies in this matter.

I look forward to meeting you someday!

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

# Exhibit B

Tue 11/1/2022 9:48 PM

fo: 'peterjameslynch@msn.com'; 'alisareichlz@gmail.com'

lepper, H. Warc <marc.tepper@pipc.com>

Cc. Dragovich, Alexandra M.

Good evening,

Complaint in Lynch et al v. Bailey-Roka et al, case number 22-14338. Please do not serve Tanisha Bailey-Roka and/or Michael Holzknecht personally and Please be advised I have been authorized as counsel for Tanisha Bailey-Roka and Michael Holzknecht to accept service of the Second Amended Verified email to me the waiver of service forms. I will complete the waiver of service forms and promptly return them to you by email. If you have any questions, you may call me anytime at (215) 665-3864. Regards, Attorney Marc Tepper

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# Exhibit C

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF NON-SERVICE**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT Southern District of Florida

Case Number: 2:22-CV-14338-AMC

Plaintiff: ALISA MARIE LYNCH ET AL.

Defendant: TANISHA BAILEY-ROKA ET AL.

For: Peter J. Lynch, Esq. 3715 McBroom Street Sebastian, FL 32976

Received by Action Legal Process to be served on Michael David Holzknecht, 17521 County Road 279, Hermitage, MO 65668.

I, Darin McNeely, being duly sworn, depose and say that on the 25th day of November, 2022 at 10:24 am,

NON-SERVED the Summons - Holzknecht in his former Official Capacity; Summons, Holzknecht in his Individual Capacity; Order dated October 19, 2022; Second Amended Complaint and Exhibits A through F thereto. After due search, careful inquiry and diligent attempts was unable to serve on Michael David Holzknecht for the reasons detailed in the comments below.

Additional Information pertaining to this Service: 11/21/2022 6:05 pm Attempted service at 17521 County Road 279, Hermitage, MO 65668, I went where I was directed by the resident of the above address. Down at the end of county road 146 where there is a gate. (pictures on file). The property with the gate is 0.06 miles from the above address given. I waited 40 minutes to see if anyone would arrive or leave from the property.

11/21/2022 5:19 pm. Attempted service at 17521 County Road 279, Hermitage, MO 65668, I spoke with the resident at this address ad he informed me the servee lives down county road 146 not the above address, pictures on file of the vehicles plates at the given address. The directions given takes me to a locked gate as described to me by my office. I will stay on site to try and catch the servee coming or going 11/22/2022 3:36 pm. Attempted service at 17521 County Road 279, Hermitage, MO 65668 to locked gate at the end of county road 146. The gate is still locked. After comparing the photo of the lock taken on the first attempt, it appears to have not been moved. I stayed on site for 15 minutes without traffic coming or going 11/25/2022 10:24 am. Attempted service at 17521 County Road 279, Hermitage, MO 65668 In the 15 minutes I was at the locked gate, I did not observe any cars coming or going. The lock on the gate appears to be hanging in the same position as noted on previous attempts.

I certify that I am over the age of 18 and have no interest in the above getion.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the  $30^{4s}$ day of November 2022 by the affiant who is personally known to me by presenting photo identification.

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STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY OF COMOCA

(888) 511-1919

**Action Legal Process** 

6812 N. Oak Trafficway

Kansas City, MO 64118

Darin McNeely

Suite 2

Our Job Serial Number: RTI-2022027447

KATHLENE A. POINTS Notary Public - Notary Seat STATE OF MISSOURI Camden County Commission # 13479907 My Commission Expires: 11-17-2025



Exhibit D

Alexandra M. Dragovich <alexandra.dragovich@bipc.com>

To: peterjameslynch@msn.com; H. Marc Tepper

Cc: Alisa Lynch; 'pete@flaglawvi.com'

Pete,

We remain willing to accept service subject to the language stating that all arguments related to jurisdiction are expressly preserved.

Please advise whether you will prepare a revised Waiver of Service for our review, or whether you will proceed with serving our client personally.

Thank you,

Alex

# Alexandra M. Dragovich

# Associate

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## Exhibit E



Exhibit F

#### John R. Ashcroft Secretary of State 2022 ANNUAL REGISTRATION REPORT BUSINESS

# P00301638 Date Filed: 3/25/2022 John R. Ashcroft Missouri Secretary of State

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c	CITY/STATE/ZIP	Pittsburg MO 65724	-7680	CITY/STATE/ZIP	Pittsburg MO 65724-7680 USA		
<u>s</u>	SECRETARY	Holzknecht, Michael	D	<u>NAME</u>			
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Exhibit G

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**Full Name** 

Holzknecht, Michael David

**Bar Number** 

33978

**Date Admitted** 

09/15/1984

Location

Pittsburg, MO 65724 United States

**Current Standing** 

**Good Standing** 

\*\* Two asterisks next to the lawyer's name indicates
that the lawyer has been issued a certificate to practice law in this
state
temporarily pursuant to the rule 8.06

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# Exhibit H

# RE: Revised proposed waivers of service / Lynch et al. v Bailey-Roka et al.



Alexandra M. Dragovich <alexandra.dragovich@bipc.com>

To: Peter Lynch; Marc Tepper

Cc: 'pete@flaglawvi.com'; Alisa Lynch

words, we remain willing to accept service subject to the language in the Waiver of Service stating that all arguments related to jurisdiction are expressly We have carefully reviewed all of your emails and can report we are authorized to do just as we said we would back on November 22, 2022. In other preserved. We understand you have expressly reserved your rights to make service on any defendant as the rules allow, irrespective of any waiver.

Thank you,

# Alexandra M. Dragovich

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